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| Charles J. Kuehmann, et al. |) | |
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| Application No. 10/071,688 |) | Group Art Unit: 1742 |
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| Filed: February 8, 2002 |) | Examiner: Kathleen A. McNelis |
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| For: NANOCARBIDE PRECIPITATION |) | |
| STRENGTHENED ULTRAHIGH- |) | |
| STRENGTH, CORROSION RESISTANT, |) | |
| STRUCTURAL STEELS |) | |

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 17, 2006**

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Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated March 17, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are set forth beginning at page 2.

Remarks are set forth beginning at page 5.

A Declaration pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 132 is attached.

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